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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONTRACT

THE VASILE CONTRACT WILL EXPIRE IN JUNE. IN ORDER TO RE-
NEW OR BEGIN RECRUITMENT AND POSSIBLY LANGUAGE TRAINING,
IN TIME TO PRECLUDE A GAP IN CONTRACT SERVICES THE DE-
PARTMENT REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING NOT LATER THAN APRIL 28:

- 1) AN EVALUATION OF THE NEED TO RENEW THE CONTRACT.
 - 2) AN EVALUATION OF THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF THE
CONTRACTOR AND EMBASSY SATISFACTION WITH SERVICES PROVIDED
BY THE CONTRACTOR.
 - 3) VASILE HAS INDICATED TO THE DEPARTMENT HIS INABIL-
ITY TO REMAIN IN BOLIVIA DUE TO PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HIS
SPOUSE. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT BE FAVORABLY
DISPOSED TO CONSIDER A CONTRACT FOR HIS SERVICES IN BOTH
BOLIVIA AND PERU WHEREIN HE COULD BE BASED IN LIMA AND
TRAVEL TDY TO BOLIVIA ON AN AS NEEDED OR SCHEDULED BASIS.
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- 4) DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING A NEW APPROACH TO THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN SITUATION FOR SOUTH AMERICA.
A TECHNICIAN BASED IN COLOMBIA WHO CAN BE USED IN BOLIVIA,
PERU, OR ECUADOR ON AN AS NEEDED TDY BASIS AND ANOTHER
TECHNICIAN BASED IN EITHER PERU OR BOLIVIA WHO CAN BE
USED IN COLOMBIA, ECUADOR, ETC., ON AN AS NEEDED TDY
BASIS. IN THIS WAY THE MAJOR PROGRAM COUNTRIES WOULD

ALWAYS HAVE A TECHNICIAN AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE. WE
WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION VIEW ON THIS APPROACH.

5) WHATEVER DECISIONS ARE REACHED IT IS IMPERATIVE
THAT THE FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

(A) EMBASSY ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF NEEDS AND REQUEST
AN ALLOTMENT. -

(B) DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ALLOTMENT TO MISSION.

(C) EMBASSY GIVE AUTHORITY TO S/NM TECHNICAL SER-
VICES DIVISION TO PREPARE PIO/T DOCUMENTATION, IDENTIFY
POTENTIAL CANDIDATE IF NECESSARY AND INITIATE AND COORD-
INATE CONTRACTING PROCESS. CHRISTOPHER

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